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occur, communications to happen between 12 o'clock noon and 9 o'clock tomorrow morning when we all gather in this body once again. I think none of these amendments that are proposed have ever been printed in the Journal. They can be spawned forever and, believe me, they will, and so in fairness to all and in dignity to us, the body, I would submit that we should vote the bill forward or down at this time and decide later on after these amendments have been in the Journal, after they have been in the Journal whether we want them. Maybe there is some merit in them but I seriously question whether the intent of the amendments is to get them on the bill or to make sure that vote doesn't occur this morning. Take that into consideration.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Any further discussion? If not, Senator Frank Lewis, do you wish to close?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the specific argument against my amendment by Senator DeCamp. As you can see, it was very concise and geared to the subject at hand. Now some of us do have calculating minds and we might stoop to low ebbs but I am certainly not one of those, Mr. Chairman. I hate to respond to that charge but I didn't bring it up in the debate, but as a member of the Legislature, since you allowed it to be debated, of course, I may close and touch on the issue Senator DeCamp brought forth. Being a nice person and thick-skinned, I really have no resentment to Senator DeCamp's innuendoes in the parliamentary manipulation which Senator Cavanaugh and I might be engaging in. Unfortunately, Senator DeCamp is right on a few occasions and wrong on many and this is the wrong time with him. That is not the intention of my amendment. If I would do that, I would do that by more skill means than this. Obviously, I have an amendment or two that I could put on the bill that would elicit a great deal of debate and public outcry and rage that would keep this going for a long time. Now that we have dispelled of that trickery attempt and forensics by Senator DeCamp, we can move to the issue at hand, of which, of course, he didn't address. My concern is, Senator DeCamp, my concern is, Senator DeCamp, sometimes things are told to be something. Now if they are already taxed as real estate, you can give me a little bit of a bone by proving to me that they really are because there can be no misunderstanding about what this amendment says, Jim Dickinson, Senator Jim Dickinson, the Senior Senator from West Douglas County. There can be no misunderstanding what this amendment says. There can be no quibbling in court later on because I don't say modular housing. Remember that. I said modular house, modular houses as defined in this specific section will be defined... will be taxed as real estate. Now, nowhere, Senator DeCamp, and certainly I have no legal mind and all I have got is a liberal arts degree from a poor little college in southeastern Oklahoma. I don't have a law degree but I know this that if it is not clear there can be some arguments on it. If you really want it clarified and in specific language, I placed it there.